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There are 10 points possible on this quiz. No aids (book, notes, etc.) are permitted. You may use a non-programmable calculator. **Show all work and supporting calculations for full credit. Explain how you get your answers.**

1. (4 pts. total – 1 pt. each) For the weighted voting system [11; 7, 5, 2, 2],

- (a) Why is  $\{P_1, P_2, P_4\}$  a winning coalition?

$$w_1 + w_2 + w_4 = 7 + 5 + 2 = 14 \geq 11 = f$$

- (b) Is  $P_2$  a critical member of  $\{P_1, P_2, P_4\}$ ? Show how you decided.

$w_1 + w_4 = 7 + 2 = 9 < 11$ , so  $\{P_1, P_4\}$  is not winning. Therefore  $P_2$  is a critical member.

- (c) Are there any dictators for this voting system? If so, who? Explain your reasoning.

There are no dictators, since no player weight is  $\geq f = 11$

- (d) Which players, if any, have veto power? Explain your reasoning.

$P_1$  has veto power, since  $\{P_2, P_3, P_4\}$  has weight  $5 + 2 + 2 = 9 < 11$  & is not winning.  $P_2, P_3, P_4$  do not have veto power.

2. (3 pts.) For the weighted voting system [14 : 9, 6, 6, 2] there are 7 winning coalitions, listed here, with critical players underlined.

$$\{\underline{P_1}, \underline{P_2}\} \quad \{\underline{P_1}, \underline{P_2}, P_3\} \quad \{\underline{P_1}, \underline{P_3}, P_4\} \quad \{\underline{P_1}, \underline{P_2}, \underline{P_3}, P_4\}$$

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12 underscores total

Using this information, compute the Banzhaf Power Index of each player. You may leave your answers as fractions.

$$P_1: \frac{\# \text{ of times } P_1 \text{ is critical}}{\# \text{ of critical players}} = \frac{5}{12}$$

$$P_2: \frac{3}{12} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P_3: \frac{3}{12} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P_4: \frac{1}{12}$$

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3. (3 pts. total – 1 pt. each) A small business uses a weighted voting scheme  $[q : 4, 2, 2, 1]$  for its four owners, with weights in proportion to the amount each invested.

- (a) One player suggests the quota be  $2/3$  of the total weight. What is the total weight, and what would be the quota?

$$\text{total weight} = 4+2+2+1 = 9$$

$$\text{quota} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot 9 = 6$$

- (b)  $P_4$  responds, “But that quota makes me a dummy!” Explain what this means. (You do not need to show that statement is correct, although it is.)

$P_4$  is never critical; if  $P_4$  drops out of any winning coalition, it still loses

- (c) If instead the group sets the quota to be 5, so the weighted system is  $[5; 4, 2, 2, 1]$ , then  $P_4$  is not a dummy. Give a coalition that shows this, and explain why.

$\{P_1, P_4\}$  has weight  $4+1=5=q$   
 so it is winning. But if  $P_4$  drops out  
 $\{P_1\}$  has weight  $4 < q$  so is not  
 winning.